

**Constitution of State Ground Water  
Coordination committee**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Water Supply and Sanitation Department  
Government Resolution No.: No. APN-2013/C.R. 287/WS-15**

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Date: 23 September, 2013

**Read -**

1. Government Resolution No.: Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources  
D.O. No. 21/82/2011/ B & B /1641 dated - 12.06.2012
2. Government Resolution No.: Regional Director CGWB Nagpur, letter No. 4/10/  
NAQUIM / CGWB/ CR-1546 dated 29.07.2013.

**Preamble -**

Groundwater is the backbone of India's agriculture and drinking water security. It is a common-pool resource, used by millions of farmers across the country and remains the only drinking water source in most of India's rural households. It also supports industrial water demand in many cases. The Scarcity of water resources and ever increasing demands that are placed on the resource underline the importance of identifying, quantifying and management of groundwater to offset the problems of over-extraction and contamination and to obviate the consequent economic loss or environmental damage while balancing the demand for various uses. Revisiting aquifers by understanding them better through the aquifer mapping programme with a clear-cut forward link to participatory groundwater management is desired.

The proposed National Project on Aquifer Management (NAQUIM) is designed to make a significant step forward in ground water resource management by identifying and mapping aquifers, quantifying the available ground water resources potential and proposing plans appropriate to the scale of demand, aquifer characteristics and the institutional arrangements for management.

This will entail four major steps, viz. Preparation of Aquifer Response Model, Aquifer Maps, Preparation of Aquifer Management plans and Participatory Ground Water Management.

It also deals with the detailed implementation strategy and the mechanism for participatory ground water management at the grass root level is an integral part of the scheme proposal to be implemented in XII & XIII five year plan period.

The Government of India desires association of the State Government in the National Project on Aquifer Management for effective implementation of this programme. In order to monitor and implement this programme in the State of Maharashtra,

Government of India has requested to set up a committee vide letter no. 4/10/NAQUIM/CGWB/CR-1546 dated 29.07.2013.

### **Resolution**

With this background and to monitor and implement the National Project on Aquifer Management (NAQUIM) in the State of Maharashtra Government has decided to set up a State Ground Water Co-ordination Committee (SGWCC) in collaboration with Central Ground Water Board.

With a view to effectively monitor and implement National Project on Aquifer Management, the State Ground Water Co-ordination Committee is constituted with the following composition.

1.	Principal Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralay, Mumbai.	Chairman
2	Chief Engineer and Jt. Secretary, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai	Member
3.	Chief Engineer, Minor irrigation, Local Sector, Pune.	Member
4.	Director, Ground Water Surveys and Development Agency, Pune.	Member
5.	Jt. Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mumbai.	Member
6.	Director, Social Forestry, Pune.	Member
7.	Director, Soil Conservation and Watershed Management, Pune.	Member
8.	Collector, Ahmednagar, Districts.	Member (on Yearly Rotation basis)
9.	Collector, Jalgaon Districts,	Member (on Yearly Rotation basis)
10.	Collector, Buldhana Districts	Member (on Yearly Rotation basis)
11.	Vice Chancellor, Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola.	Member.
12.	Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Phule Agriculture University, Rahuri.	Member
13.	Representative of AQUADAM (NGO)	Member
14.	Additional Director, Ground Water Surveys and Development Agency, Pune.	Member and Nodal Officer, GSDA NAQUIM
15.	Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Nagpur	Member Secretary.

The Member mentioned at serial no. 8,9,10 will initially work for a period of 1 year, whereas members mentioned at 11, 12 and 13 will work for a period of 2 years and will be subsequently rotation basis as per directives of Government of India.

#### **Terms of Reference-**

The Board terms of reference of the committee would be as follows.

- i) Overall coordination, implementation of oversight to the activities envisaged under NAQUIM
- ii) To ensure timely completion of activities envisaged under NAQUIM
- iii) To co-ordinate and ensure time bound data collection and data sharing from various State Government Organisation.
- iv) To Scrutinise, approve and suggest suitable modifications in the aquifer Maps and Aquifer Management plans for its implementation through Participatory Ground Water Management (PGWM)
- v) To establish protocols for Participatory Ground Water Management.
- vi) To ensure convergence of activities with MGNAREGA and other appropriate schemes.
- vii) The above TOR's are subject to revision as per directives of Government of India.

#### **Time Frame –**

The committee will work till completion of National Project on Aquifer Management Programme.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**( S. V. Durve )**

Deputy Secretary to Government of Maharashtra

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4. Chairman, Central Ground Board, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, Bhujal Bhavan, NHIV, Faridabad-121 001.
5. Secretary, Irrigation Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
6. Secretary, (Agriculture) A & DF Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
7. Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
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9. The Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Pune, 411 001.
10. The Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
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